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1. There is no indication of any basic change in the pattern of Soviet interference with the Austrian police or in judicial affairs. The sole recent major incident, widely publicized in the Vienna press, is the Starka affair, where the Soviets insisted on the retention of police official Starka after he was dismissed by the Austrian police. [] this incident represents Soviet determination not to retreat in certain sectors of activity, but that it sets no pattern for future Soviet moves.

2. [] strong Soviet reaction to the recent distribution of anti-Soviet propaganda material in Vienna and Lower Austria. []

[] the Austrian police must stop dissemination of anti-Soviet propaganda or the Soviets may possibly be forced to organize an [] dependent indigenous police force to assure Soviet troop security. []

[] the Soviets would recruit indigenous police if the Austrian police could not bring the quota of police in a Soviet Bezirk up to pre-war level. []

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